Call To Order
The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by chair Andrew Sumner.

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of New Members
Kara Ansotegui, new Athletics Marketing Director and Rebecca Stout, new Vice President for Student Services and Dean of Students were introduced to the group.

Future Meetings
Future meeting times and dates are as follows:
- Tuesday, November 5 at 12:15 p.m. in Sports Arena
- Tuesday, February 11 at 12:15 p.m. in Sports Arena
- Tuesday, April 22 at 12:15 p.m. in Sports Arena

Marketing Director Report
Kara Ansotegui gave a report on the department’s current efforts to be more visible on campus. They had a table and cheerleaders at Freshman Convocation and plan to take part in Welcome Week activities. The department is working on the season ticket brochure and this year’s theme is “There’s a ROAR downtown.”

The department continues to make connections with the downtown community. They are working with Central Atlanta Progress for a business leaders night out. The department is also planning an alumni event in which alumni from the colleges have a college reception first and then attend the game. Colleges of Education and Law participated last year. The department is also working with Student Affairs to have a freshman night to invite the class of 2006.

Additionally, Kara noted that the Athletics website is being updated and the new address will be georgiastatesports.com.
Athletic Director Report

Greg Manning gave an athletics update. He said the department is currently in the process of getting everyone registered and set for classes. Everything is going well there. He presented the committee with the department’s Minority Issues Action Plan. He asked everyone to read it and he’d be willing to answer any questions. Greg indicated this report includes the department’s efforts to recruit minority athletes and employees while also retaining those that are currently with the department.

Greg indicated the department is still trying to find permanent worthy homes for all of the sports teams. The Panthersville baseball team house is almost complete and the indoor softball facility is underway. The Sports Arena is under renovations and Academic Support is moving today to the first floor. Phase two of the project will include administrative offices on the second floor. They are hoping to have our Nov. 14 meeting in their new space. The third phase will include redoing locker rooms and making an athlete lounge.

The fall teams are underway and practicing. The department is looking forward to good things from all of the teams this year.

Financial Report

John Hartwell reported that the men’s basketball schedule has changed a little because they are working on a Friday night TV package and hope to get two games on television. The package with most likely be with FOX or Comcast. The Men’s and Women’s basketball division has been divided into two divisions, therefore we do not play every team in the conference every year. The department will be hosting the Atlantic Sun Men’s Basketball Tournament in March. The department decided hosting and hopefully winning it would outweigh the cost of about $100,000. Also, the team has agreed to play some guaranteed games to make up for the cost.

John handed out the internal financial statement for June. He briefly reviewed the handout. The department had an operating surplus of $152,000 mostly because of the increased headcount. This is a tremendous improvement over the past several years. The department put the excess money toward the deficit. The department strives to be conservative while still maintaining competitiveness.

Facilities Update

Besides the Panthersville renovations, the department is working with the Atlanta Public School System on an agreement to co-use Chaney Field. This field is where men and women’s soccer practice and play and where track practices. The department has also taken over the responsibility of the Facilities Use Committee which reserves the Sports Arena. This is a viable revenue source for the department and they are working with several groups to rent the space, including having it rented during the NBA All-Star weekend.

The Bitsy Grant tennis court project has been on hold since there has been no tennis coach. Now that a new coach has been hired they will start again trying to work with city government to put additional courts there and make it the official home of Georgia State tennis. The use of the Stone Mountain tennis venue was discussed, but it is so far away it makes it difficult for athletes to utilize.

Grade Report

John Hartwell handed out the spring grade report and the new athlete handbook for Carol Cohen who was moving her department to the new sports arena. Currently, all athletes are academically eligible to play. The department works very hard to work toward the goal of a 2.5 GPA for each team. Athletes continue to do well individually with 14 making the Faculty Scholar List (4.0) and 25 making the Dean’s List (3.5), 51 Atlantic Sun All-Academic Award winners and 90 making the A.D. Honor Roll (3.0).
Development Report
Michelle Olmsted briefly reviewed the fund raising highlights report handed out. The department has seen about a 15% increase in giving this year. Overall the private support had an increase of almost 80% because of the two Panthersville projects. Additionally, internal department giving by faculty/staff increased from 66% to 92%.

New Business
Greg Manning indicated the basketball schedules still needed approval and it was decided they would be sent out over e-mail and an e-mail vote on them would be conducted.

The group discussed the issue of meeting time conflicts. It was concluded that no matter when the group meets there will always be conflicts, so the committee decided to keep the current meeting times and dates.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Recorder, Leslie Williams